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1. Air activity and aircraft observed at Schoenefeld airfield between 24 December 1954 and 25 January 1955:

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There was only little air activity apparently because of the unfavorable weather. Six twin-engine aircraft with tail wheels and 1 twin-engine plane with nose wheel were parked in and near the western hangar near Diepensee. About 10 twin-engine aircraft with tail wheels and marked by white-bordered red Soviet star

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and 2 twin-engine planes with nose wheels, marked only by the red star were parked in the Schoenefeld area north of the middle section of the runway along the fence. On various days when there was unfavorable weather with fog and snow no commercial aircraft landed at the field. The following take-offs and landings were observed during the period under review:

16 January. At 1600, a twin-engine plane with nose wheel and bearing a red flag marking landed arriving from Moscow. The aircraft took off for Moscow at 0800 on 17 January. At 1630, a Czech LI-2 landed arriving from Prague. After unloading, the plane was parked in the eastern hangar over night.

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19 January. At about 1600, aircraft from Moscow landed at the field. It was parked in the eastern hangar over night and took off for Moscow at 0800 on 20 January.

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25 January. Plane from Moscow landed at 1600. It took off for Moscow at 0800 on 26 January.

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2. Air activity and aircraft observed on 18 and 19 January 1955:

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18 January. Between 1030 and 1330, 11 twin-engine transports, 2 commercial aircraft, 4 biplanes and 2 high-wing monoplanes were parked at the field. Of the 11 transports 3 were partially disassembled in

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front of the hangars in Diepensee. There was air activity by 4 or 5 transports which alternately took off and landed. After the take-off, the aircraft left the field and subsequently crossed over the field at an altitude of about 2,000 meters. After the landing, the individual aircraft taxied to their dispersal area and another plane taxied to the take-off point. Motor vehicles parked south of the runway included 1 radio truck with a rod antenna, 1 tank truck, 1 fire truck, 1 radio truck with glass superstructure, presumably a command car, and 1 two-axle truck with a low van-like superstructure which had not been seen before. A rod 1.5 meters high and about 15 cm in diameter with 2 guy wires in the middle and at the top was mounted approximately in the middle of the loading area. No dipoles were observed nor was the set seen in operation.

19 January. Between 1200 and 1500, 13 twin-engine transports, 4 biplanes, 2 high-wing monoplanes and 3 commercial aircraft were parked at the field. At about 1430, 5 aircraft were seen at the take-off point. Two aircraft took off in rapid succession, assembled in an element of two and then circled several times over the field. Before the 2 aircraft landed, the other 3 aircraft took off successively and assembled in a flight. The aircraft of the formation flew at a distance of about 5 to 7 wing spans from each other. [REDACTED]

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The rudder assemblies of the aircraft were marked by a white wedge, the trailing edge of which terminated with the rear edge of the rudder and the tip pointed downwards. The Soviet star on the rudder assembly of all transports had a white border. During the air activity, 2 tank trucks and 1 radio truck with a mast 4 to 5 meters high were parked south of the runway. The masthead mounted an egg-shaped device about 10 x 30 cm large. On the two days of observation, the field was covered with snow about 5 cm deep. The runway was cleaned of snow and marked by small fir trees on both sides.

No changes were observed on the radio installations. 1

### 3. Vehicular traffic at and near the field included:

#### Trucks

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#### Ambulances

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1. Comment. No observations were made indicating a change of occupation at Schoenefeld airfield. It is believed that 1 transport regiment and 1 transport and courier squadron are still stationed there. The aircraft with nose wheel are Il-12s. The unidentified vehicle with a van-like superstructure, is reported for the first time. Radio trucks with egg-shaped devices on the mast heads have already been reported from other airfields.

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